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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested. Applicant has amended claims 21-25 and claims 1-20 and 27-30 have been canceled. Favorable reconsideration of this application is, consequently, earnestly solicited in view of the following remarks.

Claims 21-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 1,167,871 issued to Adams. Adams teaches an ensilage protector that is raised and lowered within a silo. The protector (4) is connected by a line to a pulley attached to a beam inside the silo. The line extends through an opening (10) in the silo wall passing over a second pulley and to a drum on which the line is wound.

Claim 21 has been amended to clarify that the subject matter of claim 21, which is shown in fig. 9 and described in paragraphs 0047, includes opening a portion of a roof of the building sufficient to allow a line from an external lifting device to be inserted therethrough and then simultaneously raising both a nip assembly and a top platform connected to the line together in one lift to build the tower. Claim 21 has been further amended to clarify that the concurrent lifting capability is used to build the blown film tower inside the building with only a small opening in the roof of the building. Applicant believes that amended claim 21 is allowable over Adams and requests removal of the rejection.

In regard to the rejection of claims 22-24, Examiner noted that claim 21 does not include the structure of the platform. Applicant agrees and has amended claim 24 to recite positioning support columns beneath the platform for supporting a deck of the platform. Claims 22 and 23 have been amended to depend from amended claim 24 and to

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recite attaching hand rails and stairs, respectively, to the platform. Amended claim 22 adds structure to independent claim 21, and amended claims 23 and 24 depend from amended claim 22, adding additional structure to independent claim 21. For this reason, and the reason provided in regard to claim 21, Applicant believes that amended claims 22-24 are allowable under section 102 and requests removal of the rejection.

Claims 25 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,450,695 issued to Desai.

The tower disclosed in Desai is a telescoping derrick that is constructed bottom up. The telescopic mechanism shown in Figs. 13 and 14 includes line 56 which is attached to the crown section 34 of the derrick, hook 58 which engages bar 59 around which the scoping line 60 is reeved. Scoping line 60 on both sides of the scoping frame 64 is reeved around sheaves 61 and attached to the opposed upper horizontal cross members 48b and 48c of the bottom section 22. In other words, raising the next intermediate section through the bottom section requires coupling between the telescopic mechanism, the bottom section and the next intermediate section.

Unlike Desai, claim 25 recites a method for assembling a tower by erecting a platform supported by columns, the platform having an opening therethrough, and raising a nip assembly on the base member up through the opening. However, the base member with the nip assembly mounted thereon is not coupled with the platform or the support columns. It is separate and independent. Nor is the lifting mechanism connected to or coupled with the platform.

Claim 25 has been amended to add the limitation of attaching the base member having the nip assembly mounted thereon to a lifting mechanism that is not connected to

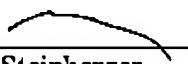
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or coupled with the platform as shown in Figs. 4, 5 and 10. For the reasons provided, Applicant believes that amended claim 21 is allowable over Desai and requests removal of the 102(b) rejection.

In view of the foregoing considerations, it is respectfully urged that claims 21-26 be allowed. Such action is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, the Examiner is requested to contact the attorney at the below listed number.

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